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FCC ANNOUNCES ELECTRONIC POSTING OF FCC FORM 477 (LOCAL TELEPHONE COMPETITION AND BROADBAND REPORTING) FOR THE SEPTEMBER 1, 2006 FILING

The FCC Form 477 for the filing due on or before September 1, 2006 is now available electronically on the Commission's website. Filers may obtain the form, and the accompanying detailed reporting instructions, at http://www.fcc.gov/formpage.html#477.

All facilities-based providers of wired or wireless broadband connections to end user locations, all local exchange carriers, and all non-reseller commercial mobile radio service (CMRS) providers offering mobile telephony are required to file Form 477 twice each year. In the filing that is due on or before September 1, 2006, filers will report information about broadband connections and local telephone service as of June 30, 2006.

For the purposes of Form 477, a broadband connection is one that enables the end user to receive information from and/or send information to the Internet at information transfer rates exceeding 200 kilobits per second. The facilities-based provider of a broadband connection is the entity that owns the portion of the wired broadband connection that terminates at the end user location, that provisions/equips over licensed or unlicensed spectrum the broadband wireless channel that terminates at the end user location, or that obtains an unbundled network element, special access line, or other leased facility to the end user location and provisions/equips it as broadband.

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